

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/29/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10, 12, 14 and 16-22 (claims renumbered as 1-19).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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THOMAS R. PEESO
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 11, 13 and 15 are cancelled. Claims 1-10, 12, 14 and 16-22 are allowable.

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In reference to claims 1, 10 and 17:

Amendments to the claims overcome the prior art rejections made in the previous action. The prior art of record (Flyntz, U.S. 6,351,817), fails to disclose attaching a portable encryption device that triggers a bus reset and enabling control of the encryption control device through a system tray utility program and enabling a user to add a secondary user to the smart card, setting the secondary user's level of access to the portable encryption control device. None of the other references cited in the prior action combine with Yarborough to disclose the amended limitations to claims 1 and 13.

An updated search did not uncover any new prior art. Flyntz, Davis, Novis, Clark, Corcoran and NetWarrior are the closest art of record. No art disclosing, nor motivation to combine has been found which recites a portable encryption control device attached to a computing device that triggers a bus reset on the computer enabling a user to control and customize the portable device through a system tray utility program and enabling the user to add a secondary user to the smart card and setting the secondary user's level of access to the portable encryption control device. In the art of secure computing environments, it is most prevalent to utilize a single user smart card for authorization and access through a smart card reader that can

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be detachable, however does not trigger a bus reset on the computer, nor does it usually utilize a system tray utility program in order to control and customize it.

All other pending claims are dependent upon allowable claims 1, 10 and 17 and are allowable for that reason.

Because claims were canceled and new claims were added that were dependent upon claims 1, 10 and 17, the Examiner took the liberty of renumbering the claims as follows:

Claim 21 is now claim 10.

Claim 10 is now claim 11.

Claim 14 is now claim 13.

Claims 16-20 are now claims 14-18 respectively.

Claim 22 is now claim 19.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kristin Derwich whose telephone number is 571-272-7958. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:00-5:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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